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New Grant Will Continue Popular CHP Anti-DUI Program

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has secured a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration entitled "Teen Choices II". This grant will provide funding for a minimum of 250 "Every 15 Minutes" programs for agencies, organizations, and high schools hosting the events. The grant will also enable the CHP to publicize the "Every 15 Minutes" program, Sober Graduation events, and other CHP alcohol reduction education programs by conducting a minimum of 2,500 informational presentations to high schools, community-based organizations, local law enforcement, fire departments, and health departments in California.

EVERY 15 MINUTES PROGRAM INFORMATION

The "Every 15 Minutes" program is a two-day event focusing on teenagers; challenging them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others.

The "Every 15 Minutes" program is very dramatic and emotional—and purposely so. Teenagers are constantly reminded about the choices they have to make involving alcohol and how families and friends are affected by their decisions. They know the intellectual statistics. However, many teens share the belief it will never happen to them.

Through dramatic recreation of a crash aftermath, students and their families experience the powerful impact a crash has on a community. This program helps open the emotional doors, and it addresses a problem most teens do not know exist. They experience first hand how their actions affect the lives of so many other people.

Experienced CHP personnel provide technical assistance in planning and implementing the "Every 15 Minutes" program. Agencies, organizations, or high schools wishing to implement the program may apply through their local CHP office for a mini-grant of up to \$9,999.99 to fund their program.

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